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From the Desk of the President



DEDICATED TO THE AUXILIARY

I have a confession to make. I have a mistress! My wife and children know about her. In fact my wife first became aware of this mistress on our wedding night. This mistress called me three times that night. Each time I responded to her requests. This mistress is most exasperating, demanding and insistant. She has called me at four in the morning, on Christmas Day and New Year's Eve. She has called me from the street corner, from her bedroom, a tavern, a police station, city jail, hospital emergency and from many other places. I have always attended her.

By now you know that this mistress is medicine. I can proudly say I have always been faithful to her. However, I made no sacrifices—but my wife and children did. I look back at their disappointments. A picnic planned but I couldn't be there; a vacation arranged and then delayed; a dinner party with guests waiting while my hostess, embarrassed, kept apologizing for I was not present. A dance to which we went together, but she returned without me escorted by some friends. Not once but a hundred times a hundred in the passing years. How could she smile through it all, even what at times I could see the tears of frustration well up in her eyes? She seemed to always understand. In fact she kept many a midnight vigil until, like a prodigal, I returned. She always had encouraging words and a warm or cold drink waiting. This is the same scene of devotion in so many doctors' homes. God bless them—the wives in our auxiliary.

Our rewards have been many from the grateful patients, but the greatest rewards have been the selflessness, patience and love of our wives and children. Then the supreme compliment recently were those words of my daughters when they said, "I want to marry a man just like you, Dad."

—W. E. Sovik, M.D.
President



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Editorial

GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION

We are being enmeshed more deeply in governmental programs of repayment all the time. As we accept partial payments or payment procedures which by-pass the patient, we are in essence allowing the government to dictate to us. This is especially true in the area of Medicaid. The payment procedure completely disregards the patient. He has no awareness of how much or if the physician is being recompensed. By accepting such a situation the physician is encouraging further government intervention on this level. The forms required are not the most onerous aspect of this program.

If government truly wishes to help, then it could best function as the private insurance companies do (i.e., compensating the patient for the physician's fee). Instead the patient is completely ignored and treated disrespectfully. The state is saying in essence that the patient cannot be relied upon to pay the physician with the money that the state gives him. Whether or not this is true is irrelevant to the issue.

We appear to have a number of alternatives available. One, we can accept the present state of affairs and allow the government to dictate to us. Two, we can refuse to participate in the program but still accept all patients who come to us, billing them directly and not filling out the state forms. Or three, we can refuse these Medicaid patients but assure that adequate facilities are available through the hospital clinics. Utilizing some combination of the second and third alternatives would assure adequate medical care but certainly not the convenience of private care.

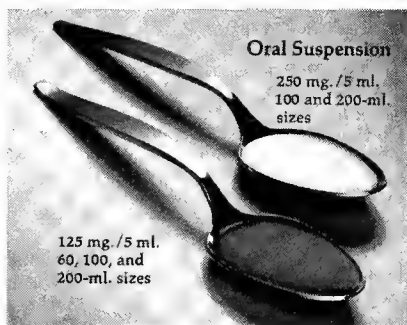
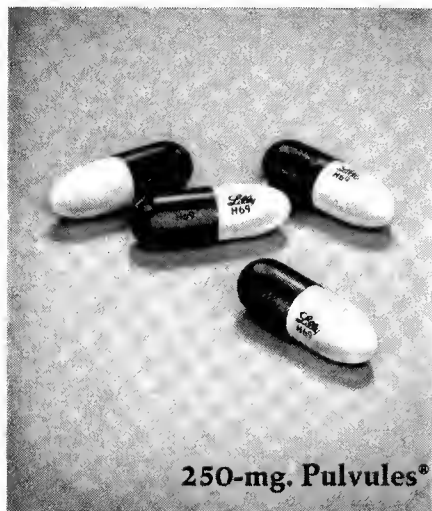
In order to force the government to change its odious policies, we need to bring pressure to bear on the law makers while not jeopardizing the delivery of health care to all segments of the population.

With the new medical school and hospital residencies, the clinic programs could be upgraded to provide 24-hour primary care for the indigent community. The current practice of using the Emergency Room as an after-hours clinic is totally unacceptable. However, if the patients are content with clinic medicine then the problem is solved. If they are not, then it is for them to initiate protest against the legislature.

The most reasonable way appears to be to merely refuse to participate in any program which does not allow direct billing of the patient. If the

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physician still wants to treat these patients, then he should arrange for their personal payment or treat them as charitable. This course could be near ruinous for certain primary-care physicians. Their's would certainly be an agonizing decision.

Our refusal to participate in these programs would be a radical approach to the problem. An isolated enclave in Youngstown would be ineffective. However, such steps may be necessary in order to establish better channels for patient care and to assure availability of medical care to all segments of the population. This could be a first step and like-minded physicians could emulate our lead to bring about a true revolution—a return to the previous, better way of doing things.

—J. A. Lambert, M.D.
Editor

MEDICAL NEWS RELEASES

For 103 years the Mahoning County Medical Society has proudly maintained the dignity and integrity expected of the medical profession. We believe in the Principles of Medical Ethics as established by the American Medical Association in the best interest of our patients.

The principles of Medical Ethics proscribes advertising by physicians. Experience has shown us that a medical news story in the public press or on radio or television can border on advertising, sometimes to the embarrassment of both the physician and the Medical Society.

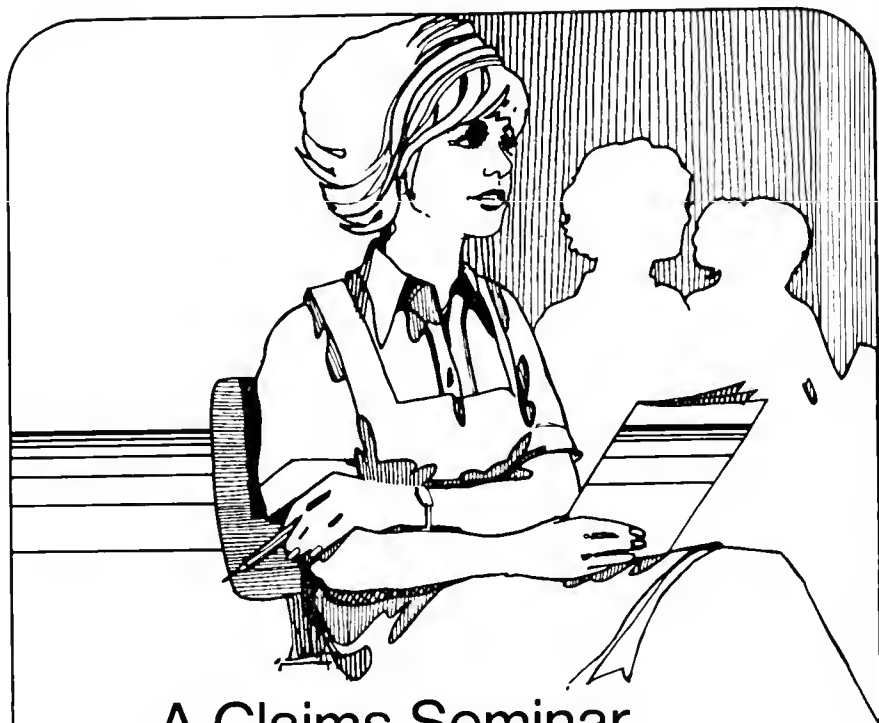
In order to avoid such a situation, the Mahoning County Medical Society will henceforth follow these established rules:

1. All medical news releases from a hospital should be cleared through the medical director before it is given to the news media.
2. It is recommended that the medical directors of our two hospitals consult with each other on medical news releases of major importance.
3. Any hospital news story containing the name or photo of a physician should be further cleared through the executive secretary of the Mahoning County Medical Society.
4. The two medical directors and the executive secretary shall act as a joint committee to advise all physicians in regard to questions of news releases.
5. The executive secretary shall refer questionable news releases to the Board of Censors.

The medical directors, the Board of Censors and the executive secretary shall be guided by the following basic principles:

1. News stories that provide educational material to the public are encouraged. Also news stories that create public confidence in the hospitals, the physicians and in sound medical procedures are desirable.
2. However, any news story that associates a physician's name with a medical procedure should be carefully scrutinized. A story submitted to the news media about a new, or unusual, procedure should not name the physicians involved. Any story that implies that a named physician is the only one who can accomplish, or who did accomplish, or who is the first one to accomplish a specific procedure, will be considered unethical unless final clearance is given by the Board of Censors.

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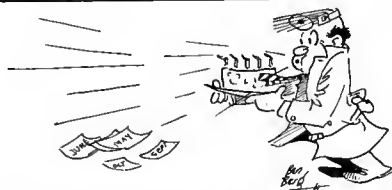
The long talked-about Medical School is a reality! The first class of students was admitted last July. Construction has begun on the Basic Medical Sciences campus at Rootstown. In six years the first students will garner an M.D. degree from the Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine.

The Dean of the Medical University, Dr. Robert A. Liebelt, will address doctors and wives at the regular meeting of the Mahoning County Medical Society, Tuesday, March 16th, at the Youngstown Club.

Dr. Liebelt is a graduate of Loyola University and received his M.S. degree at Washington State University. His Ph.D. and M.D. degrees were received at the University of Chicago and Baylor University College of Medicine. Dr. Liebelt comes to NEOU College of Medicine from the Medical College of Georgia, where he was Provost.

Many members and their wives met Dr. Liebelt at a reception for him and Dr. Stanley W. Olson, held at Dr. Murray's building last November. Here is an opportunity for everyone to hear him speak as Dean of the Medical School. Members are encouraged to turn out in large numbers to welcome the Dean. Reservations may be made at the Medical Society office. Phone 747-4956. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m.

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SOCIETY, AUXILIARY MAKE STUDENT AWARDS

Both the Mahoning County Medical Society and the Woman's Auxiliary will make awards at the annual Youngstown Public Schools Science Fair to be held Saturday, April 10 at East High School.

The Medical Society will offer a \$50 bond as first prize and both the Society and the Auxiliary will offer second prizes of \$25 bonds, all going to the best projects related to medicine. Judging for the medical awards will be done by physicians. The regular judging for trophies in science categories is done by science teachers in the school system. Chairman for the Fair this year is Mr. Paul Rosar, Science Instructor at East High School.

The Medical Society has been participating in High School Science Fairs since 1966.

TWO RECEIVE OSMA CME CITATION

Two Youngstown physicians are named on the first list of doctors receiving the Ohio State Medical Association Continuing Medical Education Physician Recognition Award. They are Hyon Sang Hwang, M.D. and David H. Levy, M.D.

The award, recently initiated by OSMA, is given to any member of the Association who completed 150 accredited hours of study within a three-year period. The citation states: "For having demonstrated faithful commitment to the concept that medical education is a lifelong curriculum by satisfactorily completing the Association's continuing medical education requirements within the prescribed three-year period."

The program is administered by the OSMA Commission on Medical Education, whose chairman is John G. Sholl, M.D., Cleveland.

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In Memoriam

HENRI SCHMID, M.D.**1881 - 1976**

Dr. Henri Schmid, Urologist, died of infirmities on Wednesday, Feb. 4, 1976. He was 94.

Dr. Schmid was born in La Chaux de Fonds, Switzerland. He took pre-med training in his native land, coming to the United States in 1900. Earning money as a tutor, he entered the University of Pittsburgh Medical School and received his M.D. degree in 1910.

He interned at the old Presbyterian Hospital of Pittsburgh and first entered practice in Pittsburgh. During World War I he was a Captain with the Medical Corps and began what was to become his life-long work in the field of venereal disease.

After the war he came to Youngstown and opened an office on North Phelps St. in 1918, later moving to the Home Savings and Loan Bldg. He became one of two directors in the VD clinic established by Dr. W. Ryall. In 1945, he became director of the clinic and conducted educational programs and careful investigations until his retirement in 1968. The clinic had several moves during that time, finally becoming established at the Youngstown Hospital Association South Unit.

Dr. Schmid received the 50-year award of the Ohio State Medical Association. He was a member of the American Venereal Disease Association, the American Urological Association, Westminster Presbyterian Church and Kiwanis.

At the time of his death he was Youngstown's oldest living physician. Until the last year he had been alert, active and conversational. He left Youngstown following the death of his wife a year ago to live with his son in Pittsburgh. Even at age 93, he had not given up any of his interest in medicine and had, in fact, taken steps to join the Allegheny County Medical Society.

Surely we must all pause in silent tribute to a man so dedicated to medicine, who gave so much to medicine, who marshaled all the forces at his command against a vicious disease, and left this a better community for his having been here — Dr. Henri Schmid.

ANNUAL DINNER-DANCE IS APRIL 3RD

The "Colonial Williamsburg Ball" will be Saturday, April 3, at the Youngstown Country Club. Social hour is at 7:00, and dinner at 8:15 p.m.

The Woman's Auxiliary committee in charge is headed by chairman Mrs. Edward M. Thomas, with members, Mrs. Hugh Bennett, Mrs. I. H. Cheulen, Mrs. James Dallis, Mrs. John Guju, Mrs. John Kalfas and Mrs. J. J. Turner. Reservations should be made no later than March 27th with Mrs. Kalfas. Dress is optional. Cost is \$35 per couple.

THIRD AUXILIARY SYMPOSIUM PLANNED

The third in a series of symposiums arranged by the Woman's Auxiliary will be held Sunday, April 4, Schwebel Auditorium, Youngstown State University, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

The subject will be organ transplantation and discussants will be Dr. Robert Bacani, Dr. A. Reed Hoffmaster and Dr. Angelo Riberi. The symposium is planned for the public and admission is free.

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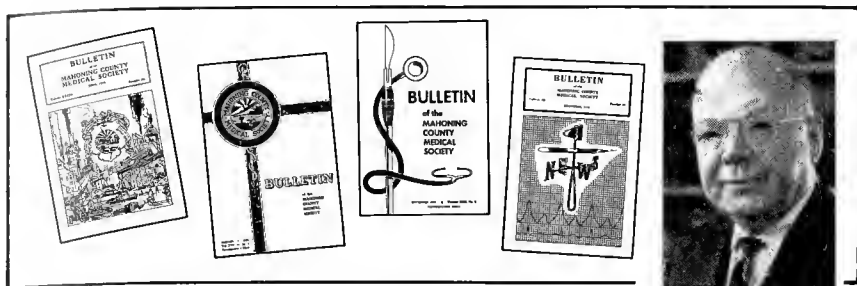
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THIRTY YEARS AGO — MARCH 1946

Comdr. O. M. Lawton was back home and addressed the staff of the Youngstown Receiving Hospital on "The Neuroses". Martin Conti, the first medic to join the services in 1939 was still out on an island in the Pacific. The service records of Lt. Col. H. E. Hathhorn, Major Barclay Brandmiller and Capt. Lewis S. Shensa were published. Brandmiller made four combat landings, he has a bronze arrowhead and five campaign stars. Gordon Nelson was named a member of the state committee on medical care of veterans.

David Brody became a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. Frances Miller was elected a Fellow of the American College of Radiology. Leonard Caccamo was certified a Diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine.

New members that month were: J. J. Campolito, R. M. Foster, and U. H. Boening. Sam Badal received his 50 year pin. He came from Persia to complete his medical studies in Cleveland and while there his relatives back home were tragically killed. He married Angelina Jesson, a trained nurse and came to Lowellville. He practiced there for 50 years and everybody loved him.

TWENTY YEARS AGO — MARCH, 1956

Excerpts from the "Reminiscences of Medical Practice" by the late John Heberding: In 1905 medical practice was changing from the horse and buggy to the automobile. Dirt roads were plentiful, the automobile was unreliable at best, and in winter and spring it was impossible so John acquired an automobile in 1907 but still kept his horse and buggy for several years.

From 1905 to 1908 there was a vast amount of typhoid fever. In the South Side Hospital there was a men's ward and a woman's ward always filled with typhoid fever patients. With the building of the filtering plant for city water about 1908, typhoid nearly disappeared except for a few cases contracted from surface wells.

X-ray work was just in its beginning in 1905-1907. Glass plates were in use for making radiographs at that time. Films did not come into use until 1922. Safety films did not come into use on account of poor quality until after the Cleveland Clinic disaster of 1927. After this their quality was rapidly improved by the manufacturers and they were soon in general use.

TEN YEARS AGO — MARCH 1966

Medicare health insurance was scheduled to start on June 30, 1966.

New members were Richard R. Richards and William R. Torok.

Dr. Donald M. Rothrock died after 40 years of family practice. He is sadly missed by his old patients and friends.

—J. L. F.

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PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL**Feb. 10, 1976**

The regular meeting of the Council of the Mahoning County Medical Society was held on Tuesday, Feb. 10, 1976, at the Youngstown Club.

The following applications for membership were presented by the Censors.

ASSOCIATE: Subbarayudu Cuddapah, M.D.
Nazim A. Jaffer, M.D.

The applications were approved. Each applicant will become a member of the Mahoning County Medical Society 15 days after publication in the *Bulletin*, unless objection is filed in writing with the secretary before that time.

Dr. Chiu, treasurer, reported that 88% of the membership has paid 1976 dues.

Dr. Pichette, Sixth District Councilor discussed a matter from the last meeting of the OSMA Council in which Dr. Porterfield requested permission of that Council for the Ohio Foundation on Medical Care to enter into talks with insurance companies to include physician participation in the reimbursement mechanisms of insurance companies.

Dr. Sovik introduced discussion concerning a Bill for State licensure of ancillary health occupations—a matter which had been referred to the OSMA Committee of which Dr. Sovik is chairman.

Dr. Anderson, reporting for the Board of Censors, presented a resolution or statement of policy in regard to news releases. The resolution is attached to the minutes. Dr. Anderson made the motion, properly seconded, that the resolution be adopted. Motion was passed.

The motion was made by Dr. Anderson, and properly seconded, that the above resolution, along with background material, be printed in the *Bulletin*.

Dr. Sovik called to the attention of council a "Statement of Obligation" for council members, that had been passed in 1966 and is still in effect.

A phone call was reported from Dr. Fontanarosa, president of the Corydon Palmer Dental Society, asking the Medical Society stand on the Health Department Neighborhood Clinic located at Mill Creek Community Center and McGuffey Center. Council agreed that no particular stand was necessary in that the clinics are apparently operating as in the past.

A letter was read from the chairman of the Science Fair of the Youngstown Public Schools asking us to present an award as we have done in the past. The motion was made by Dr. Anderson, and properly seconded, that we present a \$50 bond first prize and a \$25 bond second prize for the best projects relating to medicine, and that we ask that doctors be allowed to contribute to the judging. Motion was passed. Dr. Abdu, Dr. Gilliland and Dr. Chiu offered to act as judges.

Dr. Deramo, chairman of the Screening Committee, reported for that committee on the proposed Mass Screening for Colorectal Cancer by the Mahoning Cancer Society. Dr. Deramo's report is attached to the minutes. Dr. Deramo made the motion, properly seconded, that the report be adopted. Motion was passed.

Dr. Sovik discussed his participation on a committee studying the disposition or continuation of the Mahoning County Home.

It was noted that Dr. Robert A. Liebelt will be the March 16 speaker, and that Dr. Tom E. Nesbitt will be the May 18 speaker.

It was noted that the AMA makes annual awards for outstanding contributions to medicine by physicians and any eligibilities should be reported to the AMA.

Dr. Deramo asked if the Mahoning County Medical Society would be interested in having major medical insurance similar to that offered by Blue Cross at a minimal cost. The matter was referred to the Insurance Committee, Dr. Abdu, chairman.

Dr. Abdu brought to the attention of Council an article from the Toronto Star containing a mass of misinformation about the medical profession. Since the article was based on the misinterpretation of a report by the American College of Surgeons, the College is being asked, through proper channels, to defend the medical profession and answer the erroneous charges.

Meeting was adjourned.

Howard Rempes
Executive Secretary

SECOND AUXILIARY SYMPOSIUM GREAT SUCCESS

Despite severe weather conditions, more than 150 persons attended the Symposium on Arthritis sponsored by the Woman's Auxiliary, Sunday, Feb. 8, at Youngstown State University's Schwebel Auditorium. YSU was co-sponsor of the seminar.

The program consisted of talks by Dr. Herbert Parris, Dr. George Szaboky, Miss Marilyn Hendricks, physical therapist at Hillside Hospital, and an explanatory motion picture. Moderator was Howard Rempes.

That the audience was extremely knowledgeable was apparent in the question and answer period at the end of the session. The questions had to be terminated due to time, but many of those in attendance came forward for personal discussions with the speakers and remained some time after the close of the program. Both Dr. Szaboky and Miss Hendricks had a number of arthritic related items on a display table.

The Symposium was judged highly successful by virtue of the large turn-out and enthusiastic response. Chairmen were Mrs. Robert Bacani and Mrs. Robert Warnock. Mrs. James Anderson, Auxiliary president, made the opening remarks and welcomed those in attendance.

This was the second symposium offered by the Auxiliary this season. The first was the one on Teenage Alcoholism, held last October. A third, on "Donor Transplants and the Rejection Factor," is being planned for April.

SCHOLARSHIP DINNER NEXT MONTH

Preparations are moving forward for the 10th Annual Scholarship Dinner of the Mahoning County Medical Society, which will be held on Thursday, April 8, at Ramada Inn.

Dr. Robert Barton, chairman, has announced that the awards dinner will continue to honor the top boy scholar and top girl scholar from the area's 25 high schools. The students, all from the Senior class, will be guests for dinner with doctors and wives, and will then be presented with a certificate and pin enrolling them in the Medical Society "Roster of Scholars" for 1976.

A complete list of award-winning students will be published in the April issue of the *Bulletin*.

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